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TECHNICAL INFORMATION NOTICE 08-47
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
250 PM EDT THU MAY 22 2008

TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION /FAA/ USERS
FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER USERS OF NWS AVIATION FORECASTS

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SUBJECT: TEST TAFS TO ENSURE PROPER DECODING OF 30-HOUR TAF
FORMAT TEST DATE SCHEDULED: MAY 28 2008

REFER TO SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 08-15 AND TECHNICAL
IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE /TIN/ 08-37.

NWS WILL PROVIDE A MONTHLY TEST TAF SO USERS CAN CHECK AND
EVALUATE THEIR ABILITY TO DECODE THE NEW DATE AND TIME FORMAT.
GENERALLY NWS WILL PRODUCE TEST TAF PRODUCTS WITH THE 30-HOUR
TAF FORMAT ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH THROUGH OCTOBER
2008 AT 1400 UNIVERSAL COORDINATED TIME /UTC/.

NWS WILL PROVIDE REMINDERS OF THE TEST TAF AT LEAST 3 DAYS
BEFORE THE SCHEDULED TEST DAY. IF CRITICAL WEATHER OCCURS
ON THE TEST DAY...THE TEST WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEXT
NON-CRITICAL WEATHER DAY. THE NEXT MONTHLY TEST WILL OCCUR
MAY 28 2008.

A LINK TO THE TAF TESTBED AND TAF FORMAT EXAMPLES IS AVAILABLE
AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/AVIATION/TAF_TESTBED.SHTML](http://www.weather.gov/os/aviation/taf_testbed.shtml)

THE 30 HOUR TEST TAF FOR MAY SHOULD LOOK AS FOLLOWS:

FTXX90 KWBC 281754
TAF KABC 281128Z 2812/2918 VRB05KT P6SM SKC
FM281800 21012KT P6SM SCT050 BKN120
FM282100 21015G30KT P6SM FEW040CB SCT070 BKN120
FM290100 27015KT 3SM -TSRA SCT030CB BKN070
TEMPO 2902/2904 VRB15G45KT 1/2SM TSRA BKN015CB
FM290500 27010KT P6SM SCT030 BKN090
FM291500 VRB05KT P6SM SCT100=

USERS WILL NEED TO CODE THEIR SYSTEMS FOR FTXX90 KWBC TO SEE
THIS TAF.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS TECHNICAL INFORMATION

NOTICE PLEASE REFER TO SCN 08-15 OR CONTACT:

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NWS SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/NOTIF.HTM](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notif.htm)

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